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In re Patent Application of:  
Robert C. Gibson et al.

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement imposed in the office action of September 16, 2004, please note that page 3 of the transmittal form filed with the present application effectively cancels claims 1-8 and 19-21 as this application is clearly identified as a divisional of parent application serial no. 09/940,122. Thus, only claims 9-18 are pending in this application. Regardless, claims 9-18 are hereby elected as the only group of claims identified in the restriction requirement that are actually pending.

An early action on the merits of this application is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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Respectfully submitted,

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